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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 2, 2006, please find submitted herewith a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, for which a one-month extension of time has been requested.

Applicants request that the Response and claim amendments filed herewith be entered and the arguments presented herein be considered. Applicants believe the changes presented in the claim amendments, the arguments set forth, and the submission of the enclosed Affidavit under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 place the application in condition for allowance.

The pending claims are set forth on pages 2-7 of this paper.

Remarks are set forth on pages 8-15 of this paper.

An Affidavit under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 is attached herewith (total 17 pages).

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (c)(2) is being submitted concurrently via U.S. Mail.